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Mr. Doron Fertig
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Dear Mr. Fertig:

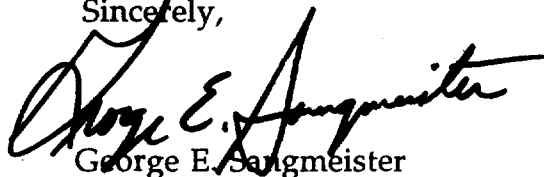
I have recently been contacted by a large number of my constituents about the FCC's proposed revisions to the Private Land Mobile Radio Services (Private Radio Docket 92-235; FCC 92-469). These individuals are concerned about the possible impact of this rulemaking on radio-controlled airplane, car and boat hobbyists. After looking into the proposed rule change, I am concerned their rights to a small segment of the radio spectrum are not being adequately protected.

Documents I received from the FCC explaining the proposed rule highlight the radio control channels being available for "unlicensed secondary" use while underplaying the proposals inability to protect radio control channels. I believe this is inappropriate for a Federal Agency which works for all Americans. The radio spectrum belongs to all of us, and a portion of it must also be reserved for private use.

At a minimum, I believe two changes are needed in this rule. First, efficiency tolerances on the channels closest to those used by radio-control hobbyists must be tightened to greatly reduce the chance of interference. Second, while the FCC explanation states that the channels closest to those used by radio-controlled vehicles will be used for low wattage fixed sites such as factories, it is my understanding that the actual rule is not as specific. To protect radio-control users the rule must be specific that these channels cannot be used by mobile transmitters.

Radio-control hobbyists invest a great deal of time and money in their airplanes, cars, and boats. They deserve to know they can operate them without fear of losing this investment to outside interference. I understand that new technologies increasingly require access to the radio spectrum but do not believe they should be allowed to drive former users out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George E. Sangmeister". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "G" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George E. Sangmeister
Member of Congress

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